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ONE DATA STORAGE DEVICE IN A SYSTEM CONSISTING
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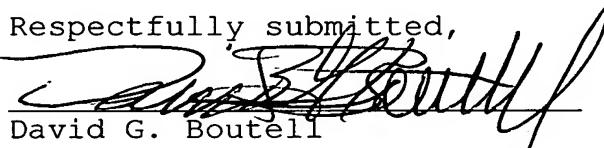
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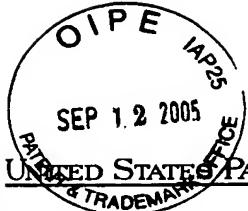
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Method for regulating access to data in at least one data storage device in a system consisting of several individual systems

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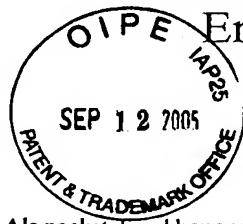
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